



## Eastern Arizona Incident Management Team

**For Immediate Release**  
**8:00 a.m. Saturday, July 7, 2012**

**Fire Information Call Center: 435-687-3030**  
**Media Calls at EOC: 435-636-3761**  
**Evacuees please call Carbon County**  
**Evacuation Coordinator: 435-636-3746**  
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### Seeley Fire Update

#### **Fire Facts**

<b>Date started: Tuesday, 6/26/2012 5:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Number of personnel: 647 national resources</b>
<b>Location: 15 miles NW of Huntington, Utah</b>	<b>Equipment: 20 engines from all over the country</b>
<b>Cause: Dry Lightning</b>	<b>Aircraft: 2 T-1, 3 T-2 and 3 T-3 helicopters</b>
<b>Size: 48,397 acres, (76 square miles)</b>	<b>Hand Crews: 14 (20-person each)</b>
<b>Percent contained: 38%</b>	<b>Dozers: 2</b>
<b>Projected Spread: North</b>	<b>Water Tenders: 14</b>
<b>Management Strategy: Full Suppression</b>	<b>Estimated containment date: 7/15/2012</b>
<b>Injuries to date: none</b>	<b>Cost to date: \$5,210,477</b>
<b>Weather Forecast: A ridge of high pressure has shifted into the area. A decreased chance of thunderstorms remains through the weekend, but still results in a continued chance of erratic winds and possible dry lightning. Warming and drying is predicted into next week.</b>	
<b>Property threatened: Several evacuated communities, 250 residences, 15 commercial properties, 500 outbuildings, recreation facilities, communication towers, utility lines, gas lines, coal mining facilities.</b>	

#### **Friday's Fire Activity:**

Fire activity slowed with the moderated weather along the southwest, west, east and southeast perimeters of the fire. Crews continued to patrol and mop-up in these areas. Crews improved and completed a piece of direct containment line on the west side of the fire near Candland Mountain. Debris from South Hughes Canyon slid down and blocked SR-31. Department of Transportation officials were notified. Crews mopped up the fire edge near residences in the northwest perimeter of the fire and used direct attack to secure fireline in Clear Creek. The main fire remains south of the community of Clear Creek. Fireline at the north perimeter of the fire along the pipeline easement held. Crews used direct attack on several other portions of the northern fire perimeter. Containment line throughout the southeast perimeter of the fire was completed. Heat is being held in the top of Vicks Canyon presenting control challenges in combination with the heavy down and dead fuels locations.

#### **Today:**

SR-31 is an important travel route through the fire area. Saw crews are scheduled to begin felling fire damaged trees in Huntington Canyon along SR-31 that present a hazard to the traveling public. Crews will continue with mop-up and patrol along the east, southern, and southwest perimeter. Structure protection remains in place.

#### **Closures/Evacuations/Advisories:**

The road block located at the junction of SR-6 and SR-96 was removed at 6 a.m. today. Scofield area residents will be allowed to return by way of SR-96. SR-96 will only be opened to the south edge of Scofield. A road block placed at the south end of Scofield will prevent motor traffic from continuing to Clear Creek on SR-96. This will be the only route opened to Scofield at this time. SR-31 and SR-264 from Fairview are NOT open and you cannot get to Scofield by using these roads. Remaining evacuations are: Electric Lake, Clear Creek, Cleveland Campground, Miller Flat Reservoir, Hog Flat, and several youth camps.